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SUBJ: NEW PROVINCIAL SECRETARY FOR PLANNING AND FINANCE

TO BE APPOINTED

1. ON JULY 7, VIRTUALLY UNREMARKED IN PRESS DR. ANTONIO BRAS TEIXEIRA, PROVINCIAL SECRETARY FOR PLANNING AND FINANCE, SLIPPED OUT OF MOZAMBIQUE AND RETURNED TO LISBON WHERE HE WILL REPORTEDLY ASSUME POST OF SENIOR INSPECTOR IN OVERSEAS MINISTRY. DR. BRAS TEIXEIRA TAKES WITH HIM REPUTATION OF BEING HIGHLY SKILLED FINANCIAL TECHNICIAN, BUT WITH DECIDED DEFICIENCIES IN PUBLIC RELATIONS AND SOCIAL GRACES.

2. IT IS OPEN SECRET THAT HIS SUCCESSOR WILL BE DR. ABDUL MAJID ABDUL KARIM VAKIL, DIRECTOR OF BANCO NACIONAL ULTRA-MARINO, LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLYMAN, DIRECTOR OF DEPARTMENT STORE CHAIN, AND HEAD OF MUSLIM COMMUNITY IN LOURENCO MARQUES. DR. VAKIL WAS BORN IN LOURENCO MARQUES AROUND 1939, OF PAKISTANI HERITAGE. HE IS CLEARLY ABLE, INTELLIGENT, AND ON THE RISE. IF AND WHEN HIS APPOINTMENT CONFIRMED, HE WILL BECOME SECOND NON-WHITE PROVINCIAL SECRETARY (FIRST BEING PORTUGUESE GUINEA BORN RAUL WAHNON CORREIA PINTO, PROV. SEC. FOR LABOR), AND FIRST MOZAMBIQUE-BORN PERSON OF INDIAN STOCK

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